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SUBJ: GRADUATE STUDENTS IN THE PERFORMING ARTS

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1. MIN CULT HAS BEEN REVIEWING HIHN SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION TO SEE IF ITS SUBORDINATE AGENCIES HAVE SUFFICIENT MATERIAL WHICH CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO HER IN ORDER JUSTIFY THEIR SPONSORSHIP, EITHER FORMAL OR INFORMAL. AS DEPT. AWARE, CANDIDACY WAS FIRST TURNED DOWN AND THEN RE-OPENED AFTER REPEATED URGINGS. MIN CULT'S CURRENT POSITION IS THAT IF SUFFICIENT ACCESS TO MATERIAL CAN BE ARRANGED, SHE COULD COME UNDER OFFICIAL AGREEMENT IF U.S. SIDE SUPPORTS. IF MATERIAL MINIMAL, SHE COULD COME ON TOURIST VISA AND WOULD RECEIVE ASSISTANCE TO EXTENT POSSIBLE, INCLUDING SOME HELP ON TICKETS.

2. CANDIDACY CONTINUES TO BE HAMPERED BY WHAT MIN CULT SPECIALISTS VIEW AS ORIENTATION-TYPE PROPOSAL RATHER THAN SERIOUS SCHOLARSHIP AND BY HER LACK OF PARTICIPATION IN FORMAL SCREENING AND NOMINATION PROCESS.

3. SPECIFICS OF THIS PROGRAM OF COURSE WILL BE DISCUSSED IN REVIEW TALKS. SOVIETS APPEAR TO DESIRE REGULAR NOMINATING PROCEDURE WHICH WOULD INCLUDE A SMALL PANEL OF CANDIDATES AT AN AGREED-UPON TIME, E.G., PERHAPS FOUR CANDIDATES FOR THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TWO OPENINGS. MIN CULT COULD THEN MATCH UP ITS OWN

RESOURCES WITH THE PROPOSALS WHICH BEST FIT WHAT IS AVAILABLE
HERE.

4. FOR EMBASSY BACKGROUND, PLEASE PROVIDE DESCRIPTION OF
FINANCIAL SUPPORT BEING RECEIVED BY SHESTAKOV.

5. MIN CULT STATES THAT MARIUS ANDAHAZY AND LINDA FINHOLT,
DANCERS ABOUT WHOM EMBASSY AND MIN CULT INFORMED BY LETTER,
CAN ONLY BE CONSIDERED FOR CHOREOGRAPHIC SCHOOL IF NOMINATED
BY U.S. SIDE THROUGH FORMAL SCREENING PROCESS.
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